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Applicant:

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2834

Examiner:

Julio C. Gonzalez

Title:

SENSORLESS SWITCHED RELUCTANCE ELECTRIC

MACHINE WITH SEGMENTED STATOR

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